

## HAJNA SEPSI

JULY 1 (legislative day, JUNE 27), 1952.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany S. 624]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 624) for the relief of Hajna Sepsi, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant the status of permanent residence in the United States to Hajna Sepsi. The bill provides for an appropriate quota deduction and for the payment of the required visa fee and head tax.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 55-year-old native of Rumania who last entered the United States on January 1, 1950, as an employee of Mr. Albin Bentley, who was in the employ of the State Department.

A letter dated July 25, 1951, to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Deputy Attorney General with reference to the case reads as follows:

JULY 25, 1951.

HON. PAT McCARRAN,  
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary*  
*United States Senate, Washington D. C.*

MY DEAR SENATOR: This is in response to your request for the views of the Department of Justice relative to the bill (S. 624) for the relief of Hajna Sepsi, an alien.

The bill would provide that Hajna Sepsi shall be considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of its enactment, upon payment of the required visa fees and head taxes. It would also direct the Secretary of State to instruct the quota-control officer to deduct one number from the first available appropriate quota.

The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of this Department show that Mrs. Sepsi is a native of Rumania, having been born at Koloswar, in that country, on November 21, 1896. She last entered the United States on January 1, 1950, as a temporary visitor. The alien stated that, at the time of her entry, she was in the employ of Mr. Albin Bentley, then an employee of the Department of State, and that her present employers are now outside the United States. She also stated that her husband is now living in Budapest, Hungary.

The Rumanian quota, to which the alien is chargeable, is oversubscribed and an immigration visa is not readily available. Her case is similar to those of many other aliens who desire to enter the United States for permanent residence but are unable to do so because of the oversubscribed condition of the quotas to which they are chargeable. In recent years, many aliens have entered the United States, as visitors, as this alien has done and then attempted to have their status adjusted to that of permanent residence. The record presents no facts which would warrant granting her a preference over others who are residing abroad and awaiting their turn for the issuance of immigration visas. Moreover, to enact this bill would encourage aliens to enter this country as nonimmigrants for the purpose of attempting to have their immigration status later adjusted to that of permanent residence.

Accordingly, the Department of Justice is unable to recommend the enactment of this measure.

Yours sincerely,

PEYTON FORD,  
*Deputy Attorney General.*

Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, the author of the bill, has submitted the following information in connection with the bill:

S. 623. Eva Ruttkay.

S. 624. Hajna Sepsi.

S. 625. Ilona Lindelof.

These aliens came to the United States in December 1949 and January 1950 on temporary visitors' visas in the capacity of alien domestics accompanying their employer, Mr. Alvin M. Bentley, at that time a career officer of the Foreign Service of the United States. Mrs. Sepsi and Miss Lindelof were documented as stateless persons owing to the fact that they had departed clandestinely from Hungary. Miss Ruttkay was in possession of a Hungarian passport which has since expired. Some months after their entrance to the United States, Mr. Bentley resigned his position in the Foreign Service. None of the aliens is in possession of permission to enter any other country. All of them have been employed by Mr. Bentley during his service in Hungary and faced certain unemployment and probable reprisal after Mr. Bentley had left that country, which explains their departure therefrom.

All of these aliens are in the employ of Mr. Bentley and are currently resident in Washington, D. C. They are all engaged in earning their living as domestics. They are not engaged in any activities injurious to the American public interest. They have never been convicted of any offense under Federal or State law.

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AMERICAN HUNGARIAN FEDERATION,  
*Washington 6, D. C., June 27, 1952.*

Re S. 624, January 22, 1951, Eighty-second Congress, first session.

Hon. JOSEPH R. MCCARTHY,

*United States Senator,*

*Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.*

DEAR SENATOR MCCARTHY: The American Hungarian Federation, an incorporated central agency representing the Americans of Hungarian origin since 1907, is deeply indebted to you for your concern and personal attention extended to Mrs. Hajna Sepsy, of 2029 Connecticut Avenue NW., Apartment 52, Washington, D. C.

The undersigned executive secretary is the authorized official of this federation to attest to and sign the following statement:

The Washington headquarters of the American Hungarian Federation is personally acquainted with Mrs. Hajna Sepsy since she is in the United States. With the exception of a few visits with the household of her employer, she has never resided in any other part of the United States except in Washington, D. C.

She was brought to the United States by her former employer, Mr. Alvin M. Bentley, at that time a foreign officer of our United States State Department.

Mrs. Sepsy frequently visited our office and we have been assisting her continually in her personal problems. During the past 2 years we had ample opportunity to be acquainted with Mrs. Hajna Sepsy and we found her to be once of the most trustworthy and dependable individuals. Her personal, intellectual, and political attitude is also known to us.

Upon the basis of our exhaustive knowledge of Mrs. Sepsy we are most happy to recommend her to your most favorable attention as a future citizen of the United States. Her integrity and good Christian character is unimpeachable and we are convinced that neither by association nor by inclination is she connected with individuals, groups, or organizations suspected to be subversive. On the contrary, her democratic conceptions, constructive civic attitude and loyal character make her most worthy for your protection and further recommendations to gain the privilege of permanent residency in the United States.

Respectfully yours,

[SEAL]

STEPHEN E. BALOGH,  
*Executive Secretary.*

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 624) should be enacted.



